

IN THE CLAIMS

*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:*

1. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of servers, comprising:

receiving means for receiving document information of a document generated from any of the external devices;

delivery setting means for making delivery settings for the document based on the document information received by the receiving means from the external devices; and

~~receiving means for receiving document information from the external devices; and~~

delivery means for determining a delivery destination ~~for~~ of the received document information, based on the delivery settings, and for delivering the received document information to the determined delivery destination,

wherein the delivery destination includes at least one of the servers or an external device that processes the delivered document.

2. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~delivery destination comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of~~ servers include a document management server that manages documents~~[[,]]~~ and a mail server that delivers electronic mails, ~~and an external device that executes jobs.~~

3. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~delivery destination for the received document information~~ at least one server comprises a document management server that manages documents, and said delivery means comprises control means for delivering additional information acquired from the external device together with the document information to said document management server as index information, and registering the document information and the index information in said document management server.

4. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the received document information comprises ~~[[a]]~~ fax document information received by fax, and the additional information comprises ~~at least one selected from the group consisting of~~ information on a transmitter of the received fax document, reception time information relating to the received fax document, ~~and~~ or document page number information.

5. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~delivery destination for the received document information~~ at least one server comprises a document management server that manages documents, and wherein the document delivery apparatus further comprises control means operable when the received document information is delivered to the document management server, for notifying by electronic mail to at least one predetermined electronic mail address that the document information has been registered.

6. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the delivery settings are set for each of the plurality of external devices that ~~are~~ is a transmission source[[s]] of the document information.

7. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising control means for controlling said delivery setting means such that delivery settings are made in accordance with instructions from any of said external devices.

8. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the document information comprises ~~information selected from the group consisting of received fax document information and~~ or scan document information.

9. (*Original*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when the document information is in a format different from one handled by the delivery destination, said delivery means converts the format of the document information to the one handled by the delivery destination and then delivers the document information to the delivery destination.

10. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the external devices each have at least one function ~~selected from the group consisting of an image reading function, and a facsimile transmission, or a~~ and reception function.

11. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method for controlling a delivery device connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of servers, comprising:  
a receiving step of receiving document information of a document generated from any of the external devices; and

a delivery step of determining a delivery destination ~~for~~ of the received document- information, based on delivery settings, and delivering the ~~received document information~~ to the determined delivery destination,

wherein the delivery destination includes at least one of the servers or an external device that processes the delivered document.

12. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the ~~delivery destination comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of~~ servers include a document management server that manages documents~~[[,]]~~ and a mail server that delivers electronic mails, ~~and an external device that executes jobs.~~

13. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the ~~delivery destination for the received document information~~ at least one server comprises a document management server that manages documents, and said delivery step comprises a control step of delivering additional information acquired from the external device together with the document information to said document management server as index information, and registering the document information and the index information in said document management server.

14. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 13, wherein the received document information comprises ~~[[a]]~~ fax document information received by fax, and the additional information comprises ~~at least one selected from the group consisting of~~ information on a transmitter of the received fax document, reception time information relating to the received fax document, ~~and~~ or document page number information.

15. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the ~~delivery destination for the received document information~~ at least one server comprises a document management server that manages documents, and wherein the document delivery method further comprises a control step of notifying by electronic mail to at least one predetermined electronic mail address that the document information has been registered, when the received document information is delivered to the document management server.

16. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the delivery settings are set for each of the plurality of external devices that ~~are~~ is a transmission source[[s]] of the document information.

17. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, further comprising a delivery setting step of controlling delivery settings such that the delivery settings are made in accordance with instructions from any of said external devices.

18. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the document information comprises ~~information selected from the group consisting of~~ received fax document information ~~and~~ or scan document information.

19. (*Original*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein, when the document information is in a format different from one handled by the delivery destination, in said delivery step the format of the document information is converted to the one handled by the delivery destination and then the document information is delivered to the delivery destination.

20. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the external devices each have at least one function ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ an image reading function, ~~and~~ a facsimile transmission, or a ~~and~~ reception function.

21. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program ~~executed on a computer~~ for controlling a document delivery apparatus connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of servers, the program comprising:

a receiving ~~step of~~ instruction for receiving document information of a document generated from any of the external devices; and

a delivery ~~step of~~ instruction for determining a delivery destination ~~for~~ of the received document ~~information~~, based on delivery settings, and delivering the ~~received~~ document information to the determined delivery destination,

wherein the delivery destination includes at least one of the servers or an external device that processes the delivered document.

22. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the ~~delivery destination comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of~~ servers include a document management server that manages documents~~[[,]]~~ and a mail server that delivers electronic mails, ~~and an external device that executes jobs.~~

23. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the ~~delivery destination for the received document information at~~ least one server comprises a document management server that manages documents, and said ~~delivery step~~ instruction comprises a ~~control step of~~ instruction for delivering additional information acquired from the external device together with the document information to said document management server as index information, and registering the document information and the index information in said document management server.

24. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 23, wherein the received document information comprises ~~[[a]]~~ fax document information received by fax, and the additional information comprises at least one ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ information on a transmitter of the received fax document, reception time information relating to the received fax document, ~~and or~~ document page number information.

25. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the delivery destination for the received document information comprises a document management server that manages documents, and ~~wherein the document delivery program comprises~~ further including a control step of instruction for notifying by electronic mail to at least one predetermined electronic mail address that the document information has been registered, when the received document information is delivered to the document management server.

26. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the delivery settings are set for each of the plurality of external devices that ~~are~~ is a transmission source~~[[s]]~~ of the document information.

27. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, ~~wherein the program further comprises~~ comprising a delivery setting-step-~~of instruction for~~ controlling delivery settings such that the delivery settings are made in accordance with instructions from any of said external devices.

28. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to 21, wherein the document information comprises ~~information selected from the group consisting of~~ received fax document information ~~and~~ or scan document information.

29. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein, when the document information is in a format different from one handled by the delivery destination, in said delivery step the format of the document information is converted to the one handled by the delivery destination and then the document information is delivered to the delivery destination.

30. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a document delivery method according to claim 21, wherein the external devices each have at least one function ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ an image reading function, ~~and~~ a facsimile transmission, or a and reception function.

31. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable storage medium storing a document delivery program for controlling a document delivery apparatus connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of servers, the program comprising:

a receiving step of receiving document information of a document generated from any of the external devices; and

a delivery step of determining a delivery destination ~~for~~ of the received document-information, based on delivery settings, and delivering the received document-information to the determined delivery destination,

wherein the delivery destination includes at least one of the servers or an external device that processes the delivered document.

32. (*Currently Amended*) A document delivery system comprising:

a network;

a plurality of external devices;

a plurality of servers; and

a document delivery apparatus connected via said network to said plurality of external devices and said plurality of servers, said document delivery apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving document information of a document generated from any of said external devices;

delivery setting means for making delivery settings for the document based on the document information received by the receiving means from the external devices; and

~~receiving means for receiving document information from said external devices; and~~

delivery means for determining a delivery destination ~~for~~ of the ~~received document information;~~ based on the delivery settings, and for delivering the ~~received document information to the determined delivery destination,~~

wherein the delivery destination includes at least one of the servers or an external device that processes the delivered document.